

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. to 25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition, comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier containing:

(a) at least one fixing film-forming polymer that is a branched block copolymer consisting essentially of, ~~as principal monomers, (1) at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₂₀ alkyl acrylate, N-mono-(C₂₋₁₂) alkylacrylamide, N-mono-(C₂₋₁₂) alkylmethacrylamide, N, N-di-(C₂₋₁₂) alkylacrylamide and N, N-di-(C₂₋₁₂) alkylmethacrylamide, and (2) at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, and acrylic and methacrylic acids~~ 27.5 to 30.5 mol % of n-butyl acrylate, 26 to 36 mol % of acrylic acid, 33.3 to 45.3 mol % of methacrylic acid, and 0.48 to 0.92 mol % of allyl methacrylate, the polymer having a structure comprising hydrophobic blocks onto which more hydrophilic blocks are attached via bi-functional units,

(b) at least one thickening agent that is a cross-linked or non-cross-linked homopolymer or copolymer based on acrylic acid or methacrylic acid or acrylic and methacrylic acid, and

(c) at least one co-thickening agent that is a non-cellulosic thickening polymer different from thickening agent (b), wherein the fixing film-forming polymer ~~that is a branched block copolymer consists essentially of n-butyl acrylate, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, and allyl methacrylate~~ and has at least two glass transition temperatures.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 26, wherein the concentration of fixing film-forming polymer is between 0.1 and 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

29. **(Previously Presented)** The cosmetic composition according to claim 28, wherein the concentration of fixing film-forming polymer is between 1 and 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

30. **(Previously Presented)** The cosmetic composition according to claim 26, wherein the thickening agent (b) is a cross-linked acrylic acid homopolymer.

31. **(Previously Presented)** The cosmetic composition according to claim 26, wherein the thickening agent (b) is a copolymer of acrylic acid or methacrylic acid and a C₁₀₋₃₀ alkyl acrylate or methacrylate.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The cosmetic composition according to claim 26, wherein the concentration of thickening agent (b) is between 0.1 and 3% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The cosmetic composition according to claim 32, wherein the concentration of thickening agent (b) is between 0.2 and 2% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

34. **(Previously Presented)** The cosmetic composition according to claim 26, wherein the co-thickening agent (c) is of natural origin.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The cosmetic composition according to claim 34, wherein the co-thickening agent (c) is guar gum, xanthan gum, scleroglucan gum, gelan gum, rhamsan gum, karaya gum, an alginate, maltodextrin, starch, or carob flour.

36. **(Canceled).**

37. **(Previously Presented)** The cosmetic composition according to claim 26, wherein the concentration of the co-thickening agent is between 0.05 and 2% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

38. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 37, wherein the concentration of the co-thickening agent is between 0.1 and 1% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

39. (Currently Amended) A method for the styling and fixing of hair, comprising applying to the hair a cosmetic composition comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier containing:

(a) at least one fixing film-forming polymer that is a branched block copolymer consisting essentially of, ~~as principal monomers, (1) at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₂₀ alkyl acrylate, N-mono (C₂₋₁₂) alkylacrylamide, N-mono (C₂₋₁₂) alkylmethacrylamide, N,N-di (C₂₋₁₂) alkylacrylamide and N,N-di (C₂₋₁₂) alkylmethacrylamide, and (2) at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, and acrylic and methacrylic acids~~ 27.5 to 30.5 mol % of n-butyl acrylate, 26 to 36 mol % of acrylic acid, 33.3 to 45.3 mol % of methacrylic acid, and 0.48 to 0.92 mol % of allyl methacrylate, the polymer having a structure comprising hydrophobic blocks onto which more hydrophilic blocks are attached via bi-functional units, wherein the fixing film-forming polymer has at least two glass transition temperatures;

(b) at least one thickening agent that is a homopolymer or copolymer based on acrylic acid or methacrylic acid or acrylic and methacrylic acid that is cross-linked or non-cross-linked, and

(c) at least one co-thickening agent that is a non-cellulosic thickening polymer different from thickening agent (b), wherein the composition has a viscosity of at least about 1.9 Pa.s.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition, comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier containing:

(a) at least one fixing film-forming polymer that is a branched block copolymer consisting essentially of, ~~as principal monomers, (1) at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₂₀ alkyl acrylate, N-mono (C₂₋₁₂) alkylacrylamide, N-mono (C₂₋₁₂) alkylmethacrylamide, N,N-di (C₂₋₁₂) alkylacrylamide and N,N-di (C₂₋₁₂) alkylmethacrylamide, and (2) at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic~~

~~acid, and acrylic and methacrylic acids~~ 27.5 to 30.5 mol % of n-butyl acrylate, 26 to 36 mol % of acrylic acid, 33.3 to 45.3 mol % of methacrylic acid, and 0.48 to 0.92 mol % of allyl methacrylate, the polymer having a structure comprising hydrophobic blocks onto which more hydrophilic blocks are attached via bi-functional units, wherein the fixing film-forming polymer has at least two glass transition temperatures;

(b) at least one thickening agent that is a cross-linked or non-cross-linked homopolymer or copolymer based on acrylic acid or methacrylic acid or acrylic and methacrylic acid, and

(c) at least one co-thickening agent that is guar gum, wherein the composition has a viscosity of at least about 1.9 Pa.s.

42. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition according to claim 41, wherein:

~~(a) — said at least one fixing film-forming polymer is a branched block copolymer consisting essentially of, as principal monomers, n-butyl acrylate, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, and allyl methacrylate, and~~

~~(b)~~ said at least one thickening agent is a cross-linked homopolymer based on acrylic acid.

43. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 42, wherein the concentration of fixing film-forming polymer is between 0.1 and 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, the concentration of thickening agent (b) is between 0.1 and 3% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, and the concentration of the co-thickening agent (c) is between 0.05 and 2% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

44. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 42, wherein the concentration of fixing film-forming polymer is between 0.1 and 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, the concentration of thickening agent (b) is between 0.2 and 2% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, and the concentration of the co-thickening agent (c) is between 0.1 and 1% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

45. (Currently Amended) A method for the styling and fixing of hair, comprising applying to the hair a cosmetic composition comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier containing:

(a) at least one fixing film-forming polymer that is a branched block copolymer consisting essentially of, ~~as principal monomers, (1) at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₂₀ alkyl acrylate, N-mono-(C₂₋₁₂) alkylacrylamide, N-mono-(C₂₋₁₂) alkylmethacrylamide, N,N-di-(C₂₋₁₂) alkylacrylamide and N,N-di-(C₂₋₁₂) alkylmethacrylamide, and (2) at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, and acrylic and methacrylic acids~~ 27.5 to 30.5 mol % of n-butyl acrylate, 26 to 36 mol % of acrylic acid, 33.3 to 45.3 mol % of methacrylic acid, and 0.48 to 0.92 mol % of allyl methacrylate, the polymer having a structure comprising hydrophobic blocks onto which more hydrophilic blocks are attached via bi-functional units,

(b) at least one thickening agent that is a homopolymer or copolymer based on acrylic acid or methacrylic acid or acrylic and methacrylic acid that is cross-linked or non-cross-linked, and

(c) at least one co-thickening agent that is guar gum, wherein the composition has a viscosity of at least about 1.9 Pa.s, wherein the fixing film-forming polymer ~~that is a branched block copolymer consists essentially of n-butyl acrylate, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, and allyl methacrylate~~ and has at least two glass transition temperatures.

46. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 45, wherein

said at least one thickening agent is a cross-linked homopolymer based on acrylic acid.

47. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 46, wherein the concentration of fixing film-forming polymer is between 0.1 and 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, the concentration of thickening agent (b) is between 0.1 and 3% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, and the concentration of the co-thickening agent (c) is between 0.05 and 2% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

48. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 46, wherein the concentration of fixing film-forming polymer is between 0.1 and 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, the concentration of thickening agent (b) is between 0.2 and 2% by weight relative

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to the total weight of the composition, and the concentration of the co-thickening agent (c) is between 0.1 and 1% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.